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NORTH WEST RAIL LINK – TUNNELS AND STATIONS WORKS - SITE ESTABLISHMENT, BELLA VISTA STATION SITE

The North West Rail Link is Australia's largest public transport infrastructure project and a priority rail project for the NSW Government. Thiess John Holland Dragados (TJHD) has been contracted to build the tunnels and civil works for five of the eight new stations and two service facilities.

Construction activities to establish the TJHD site at Bella Vista will commence from **1 October 2013** until early 2014. These works are essential for site establishment and preparation for construction of the new station at Bella Vista and twin rail tunnels. Please refer to the map over the page for details of the site layout.

Beginning in October work will include:

- Installing environmental controls
- Installing temporary fencing and timber hoardings around the site
- Delivery of machinery and equipment including out of hours delivery if required by road authorities
- Vegetation clearing and wildlife management
- Constructing temporary site offices and facilities including on-site parking for workers
- Creating access to site
- Demolishing some buildings in the former Totally Home Centre, including the former Subway and Bristol Paints sites. The building between the former Freedom Furniture and Carpet Call stores will remain for use as site offices
- Earthworks to prepare the area for later installation of construction facilities
- Relocating utilities including some night works.

Future work will include:

- Extending hoardings and fencing around the site
- Constructing purpose-built sheds to assist in containing noise and dust
- Ongoing earthworks and demolition
- Installing construction facilities such as a precast facility and water treatment plant
- Realignment of the access road off Celebration Drive to McDonald's and the BP service station including a dedicated site access lane off Celebration Drive, some night works required
- Adjustments to car parking for McDonald's and BP
- Further utility works, including night works.

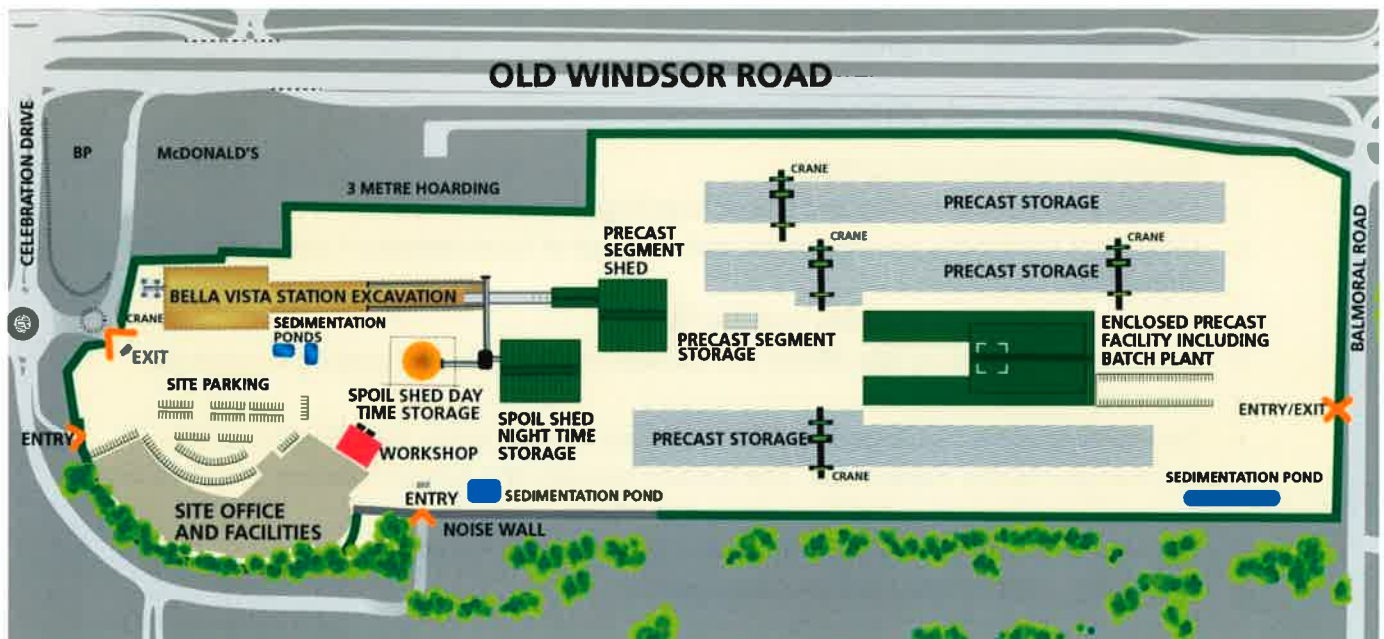
What to expect at Bella Vista site

- Deliveries of large plant and equipment, sometimes out of hours if required by road authorities
- Truck movements in and out of the work site
- Heavy machinery involved in earthworks including excavators
- Construction noise within prescribed limits
- Pedestrian and cycle detours
- Temporary road closures and detours as required.

Work will generally occur between 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday's. Residents and businesses will be notified in advance of any work that is required outside these hours. Work outside these hours may be required for safety reasons, to meet the requirements of authorities or to minimise traffic impacts.

For more information phone 1800 019 989 or email tunnelling@northwestrail.com.au

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we carry out this important work.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

- The North West Rail Link will be delivered as part of Sydney's Rail Future – a customer-focused plan to modernise our trains. Over the coming decades, an extra 200,000 people will move into the region, taking its population above 600,000.
- New automated single-deck trains will deliver a fast, safe and reliable service.
- There will be no need for a timetable – customers will just turn up and go, with a train at least every five minutes in the peak.
- The project includes 15km of tunnels between Bella Vista and Epping, a 4km skytrain viaduct section and the conversion of the existing Epping to Chatswood rail link to the new rapid transit system.

ABOUT THE TUNNELING WORKS

- The North West Rail Link project team has engaged Thiess John Holland Dragados to build the tunnels and station civil works.
- The works include:
 - Building 15 km of twin tunnels between Bella Vista and Epping - Australia's longest rail tunnels,
 - Excavation and civil works for five new stations at Bella Vista, Norwest, Showground, Castle Hill and Cherrybrook,
 - Excavation and civil works for service facilities at Cheltenham and Epping.

The community will be kept fully informed on all the work that's happening.